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Dear Marin County Supervisors,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Housing Element alternatives.

*Insert information about yourself, where you live, what you enjoy about your community and what makes it unique.*

*Discuss your concerns with the housing locations proposed in your community. Be specific about the problems with the locations (be sure to provide concrete examples of the issues not just that you are unhappy with them, for example, potential location X is located in a parcel that extends into Tomales Bay which is inappropriate for development due to flooding concerns with rising sea levels and lack of infrastructure to support development including wastewater and roads)*

*Suggested Talking Points to Also Include:*

In addition, please incorporate into your site selection to protect and conserve the sensitive habitat areas we are fortunate to continue to have in the County of Marin due to decades of environmental protection.

- Exclude any parcels for development that are within 100-feet of a creek, shoreline, wetland, floodplain, and other sensitive habitat areas where significant risks with wastewater treatment through septic systems could create pollution and public health issues.
- Development should not be proposed in areas that are Special Flood Hazard Areas (defined by FEMA as Zone A, Zone AO, Zone AH, Zones A1-A30, Zone AE, Zone A99, Zone AR, Zone AR/AE, Zone AR/AO, Zone AR/A1-A30, Zone AR/A, Zone V, Zone VE, and Zones V1-V30).
- Exclude any parcels that are zoned as A-60 and do not plan to rezone A-60 parcels. This was a hard-fought battle in the 1970s to create A-60 zoning to protect important agricultural lands and open space. Rezoning A-60 is a slippery slope.
- Exclude high-density single-family home, apartments, and condominium development from areas that are outside of the County defined High Growth Geographies as they are not near transportation corridors or job centers and will increase the number of vehicle

miles traveled that will undermine the County's Climate Action Plans and require costly upgrades to roads and infrastructure to accommodate the increased single car trips.

- We can't just build our way out of this housing crisis! The County needs to address the causes of our residential housing shortage. Please begin developing steps to establish restrictions on short-term rentals and consider new zoning that would prohibit new development now and into the future from being converted to short-term rentals.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

*Your Name*  
*City of Residence*